

It has been an honor and a privilege to participate as a video interpreter, bringing deaf and hard of hearing people closer to equality in the world of communication. It is disconcerting to hear that the FCC may cut funds for the service that is still being established as the norm for phone communications between hearing-impaired and non-hearing-impaired callers. The last time funds were so abruptly and dramatically cut, the communication capabilities for deaf and hard of hearing people took a twenty-year step back. I am confident that the FCC has seen this technology in action first hand and seen the opportunity for equality and the volume of calls people who depend on this technology for equal access are finally able to make with relative ease. Please consider the millions of people who will become more connected as this form of communication becomes more solvent. Please do not jeopardize this technology for current and future users.